

The recessed May 2, 1866 meeting of the Town Assembly was recovered of May 23, 1866 with Trustee Ware presiding.

The minutes of the May 2 meeting were read and approved.

Jacob Auskey chairman of the Committee appointed to revise the proposed Town Charter read the charter.

The committee studied House Bill 433 but it decided to formalize the present Town Assembly and all powers will be kept in the Town Assembly but it would delegate ch. power to committee to administer the works.

The boundaries of Alden will have to be outlined in the charter but the date has not been ~~revised~~ <sup>revised</sup> for Vandermore & Lynch.

To the Town Assembly may cause a survey to be made and such survey shall be evidence in all Courts of Law and Equity of this State.

Resident is anyone above age of 21 residing in Village of a period of six consecutive months. A suggestion was made that the age of a resident be dropped to 18 years of age after some discussion a motion was made and passed to retain the present voting age at 21 or above. There were 2 <sup>no</sup> <sub>yes</sub>

The charter stated that notice for regular meetings should be made at least 10 days prior to the ~~next~~.

meeting. The Town Assembly Secretary noted that people tended to forget the notices if they were mailed too far in advance. It was suggested that the action read that notices shall be mailed at least 5 days prior to the meeting. This suggestion was adopted.

A quorum shall consist of 35 residents but it was suggested that the quorum be dropped to 25 residents.

A motion was made and passed that we do not change the 35 resident process set up in the charter. There were 2 ways

ordinances must be submitted to two consecutive meetings before action can be taken at the final meeting. It was suggested that all ordinances be voted on by Roll Call Vote.

The statement that the Town Assembly Secretary should allow inspection of Town records for legitimate information or questions. Definition of legitimate is too vague. A motion was made and passed to delete the word legitimate.

Leon Tongue suggested that Long Term Project Committee should be included in the Charter. This committee would study all long term issues that could affect the Village. They would study all long term financial issues that would be necessary to the well-being of the Village.

The idea of a Long Term Project committee was favored.

back to the Committee for action. Jim Bell felt that the Hare system of Proportional Representation used in electing the Board of Assessors was not democratic and that it should be eliminated. It was pointed out and discussed that this is a valid way of electing members of a minority groups to the assessors. It was moved and passed that the Hare system of Proportional Representation be retained. There were 3 ways.

Under Section 11 it was suggested that the fact that Andover is operating under a Deed of Trust should be incorporated under the power and ordinance of the Village. Joseph Rosenthal pointed out that a Deed of Trust is a private legal document and it has no place in a document that's giving governmental authority to a village. The Deed of Trust cannot be violated by a Town Charter. A motion was made and passed that the matter of incorporating the Deed of Trust into the charter should be referred to the Committee for consideration.

The power given to the Town Assembly to control the property land and any condemnation of the use of land by any state agency also controlled by the Town Assembly was questioned. It was felt that they would hinder when passed by the General Assembly and that we should do things in the open. There is no guarantee that this

power to control use of land by the Town Assembly will preserve Harry Read. It was felt that this provision was the main purpose of incorporating Arden.

A motion was made and passed that the portion of the proposed charter be retained. There were two ways:

The nearest Justice of the Peace will have jurisdiction over any offense against ordinances of the Town and State laws.

At the present time all fine will be paid to the State and not to Arden. Buckson is trying to work out something on this situation. The town to adopt ordinance for fine, zoning and housing code is power of Town Assembly. The community felt any enforcement of Building Code should be handled by the County Inspectors.

A separate ordinance can be adopted setting up a Safety Committee to administer the rules adopted for the police force.

The Town Assembly may create a Village Zoning Commission for the development, improvement, beautification and the word conservation to be added.

Submission of any amendment to the charter should be passed by general referendum of the town and submitted to the General Assembly for action.

Virginia Shaw felt that leaseholders as well as residents should have the right to vote on matters that concern them.

It was the philosophy of the founders of Arden that those who resided in the town should be the ones who controlled the vote in the town.

A motion was made and passed that the language concerning qualified voters be kept as written.

A proposal was made that the Trustees submit the revised charter to the Town Assembly early in 1967.

The Committee has come to an unanimous ~~decision~~ agreement. "The Trustees have reiterated their agreement to take no action under House Bill 433 unless such action has been approved by the Town Assembly."

That a double referendum be held early in June to:

- Vote on the charter in its present form as an interim measure so that we will be able to participate in the Municipal Street and Fund starting July 1967.

- Vote on a charter version asking the Trustees to present it on our behalf to the 1967 General Assembly.

There were some residents that felt we should not pass the House Bill 433 and did not think it necessary to hold the referendum. Others felt that the voting should be held once for House Bill 433 and then for the revised charter.

The present trend is to incorporate all communities under a central County government. It was felt by many that they do not want Order to become a part of a larger government.

The Committee would like to submit the proposed version of the ~~old~~ Charter to the Governor as soon as possible.

A motion was made and passed that the report of the Committee be accepted with thanks.

A motion was made and passed that the Committee stay in power to incorporate the proposals of the meeting in the charter and to call another meeting if necessary before the referendum.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Marley  
Secretary